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Title: REUSABLE SORBING COALESCING AGENT

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
OF MARCH 26, 2008 (MAIL DATE)**

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

- **REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSE**

The "RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 26, 2008" replies to the outstanding office action in this case, distinctly and specifically pointing out the errors in the Examiner's action, as well as responding to every ground of objection and rejection set forth in the office action. This response is a bona fide attempt to advance the present application to issuance. In light of the amendment (if any) and remarks set forth below, Applicants seek further examination of the application and requests that the Examiner reconsider the Examiner's position with respect to patentability of the claims. Applicants hereby request that any objections or requirements as to form (if any) not necessary to further consideration of the claims be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated.

- DATE OF THIS RESPONSE

The present Office Action was issued on March 26, 2008 with a shortened statutory period being set at 3 months. The fourth month date for responding to the present Office Action is Saturday July 26, 2006. As this Response is submitted on Monday, July 28, 2008, with a Petition for a one month extension and the required fee, this Response is timely filed.

- REQUEST FOR, AND PAYMENT OF EXTENSION FEE

To the extent an extension fee is due in this matter to ensure timely filing of this response, such extension fee is hereby petition for. Applicants hereby request such extension and provide the Commissioner with the authority to charge any extension fees to Attorney Anthony L. Meola's credit card pursuant to the Credit Card Payment Form filed concurrently herewith.

- LOCATION OF SPECIFIED SECTIONS OF THIS DOCUMENT

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- REQUEST FOR ENTRANCE OF AMENDMENTS AND CONSIDERATION OF ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request entrance of the amendments, and consideration of its arguments set forth below. Amended/new claims that may be construed as more limiting in scope than the scope of any of the claims prior to the amendment/cancellation/addition should not be construed as an abandonment of any subject matter no longer claimed, nor should the amended/new claims be construed in any manner to waive or limit the equivalent structures of any element recited in such claims that would otherwise be available under the Doctrine of Equivalents with respect to the unamended/cancelled claims.

Amendment/cancellation/addition of the claims is not in any manner intended to, and should not be construed to, waive Applicants' right in the future to seek protection for the subject matter claimed in the prior claims, or to seek protection for similar matter in any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, RCE, CPA or any other application claiming priority to or through the present application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file applications directed to subject matter covered by any cancelled or previously submitted claim, as well as any uncovered or unclaimed subject matter disclosed in the specification.